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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 August 2009.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 2-11, 13-15 and 19-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 2-11, 13-15 and 19-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB-06)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 2-11, 13-15 and 19-21 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims **2-5, 11, 13, 14 and 21** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ludwig et al. (hereinafter 'Ludwig', Pub. No. 2007/0168426) in view of Katz (Pub. No. 2006/0215029).

Regarding claims 13, 14 and 21, Ludwig teaches an apparatus for transmitting an audio / visual (A/V) file (**video content, screenshots, multimedia documents, etc, [0055]-[0057]; [0167]; [0186]**) between a sender and a recipient (**caller and callee, Fig. 23; [0142]-[0144]**), using a voice communication network and a data network, said voice communication network independent of said data network (**[0047]; [0059]**), the recipient being identified by a voice communication network address and a data network address (**There is a database where it is established which ports are assigned for audio/video services or data services, once a user is identified, [0134]-[0138]; [0142]-[0143]**) the apparatus comprising:

means for establishing a voice connection on said voice communication network between said sender and said recipient, said recipient having a voice communication network address **(using the port designated for calls, a physical voice communication is established between caller and callee, [0142]-[0145]; [0150])** ;

means for determining a recipient data communication network address based on an association between said recipient data communication network address and said recipient's voice communication network address **(service server and directory server 66, Fig. 21 determine what services and ports are being used by each receiver, [0134]-[0138]; [0142]-[0145])** ;

means for downloading said A/V file from said sender to a server associated with said recipient data communication network address via said data network during said voice connection **(Upon acceptance of sharing data, the data can be edited, navigated through at the caller or sender's station or at a central server. There can be different additional servers for the services provided, [0069]-[0071]);** and

means for receiving navigation instructions to navigate through said A/V file from said recipient via said voice connection **(The participants of the data sharing can edit, annotate or navigate while having a voice connection; therefore, one participant can tell the other one commands for editing/navigating through the content).**

On the other hand, Ludwig does not explicitly teach that the navigation instructions are dual-tone multi-frequency (DTMF) signal navigation instructions to navigate through said A/V file.

However, in an analogous art, Katz teaches a system that permits the control of shared of A/V content with the use of a telephone pad (80, Fig. 3; [0083]). The telephone keypad produces DTMF signals that permit control at both ends of a communication ([0083]-[0085]). The telephone pad can be part of the computer keyboard or a separate telephone pad ([0083]).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have modified Ludwig's invention with Katz' DTMF navigation telephone pad for the benefit of giving the convenience to the user of using only a single device, the already in use phone keypad, to control the received video.

Regarding claim 2, wherein the A/V file is broadcast to the recipient after the recipient authorizes the broadcast (**Ludwig: The recipient needs to be logged on to the service and also has to accept or authorize any transfer or service, 1, Fig. 23; [0140]-[0143]**).

Regarding claim 3, wherein the recipient authorizes the broadcast by remaining on the voice connection for a designated period of time reads on the connection is performed is done between the two participants in a per session manner. In other words, if a log off or ending the sharing or call will stop the transfer.

Regarding claim 4, wherein the recipient authorizes the broadcast by transmitting a signal across the voice communication network after the voice connection has been established (**Ludwig: 7, Fig. 23**).

Regarding claim 5, wherein the recipient authorizes the broadcast by transmitting a signal across the data network after the voice connection has been established (**Ludwig: Authorization is performed by logging in as 1, Fig. 23; [0060], where the data part is used for data communication**).

Regarding claim 11, wherein the sender is an automated interactive response system (**Ludwig: CWSs are computers that can be set to automatically receive calls, [0144]. This includes senders and recipients**).

4. Claims **6-10, 15, 19 and 20** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ludwig et al. (hereinafter 'Ludwig', Pub. No. 2007/0168426) in view of Katz (Pub. No. 2006/0215029) in further view of Ahuja et al. (hereinafter 'Ahuja', Patent No. 5,689,553).

Regarding claims 6 and 19, Ludwig and Katz teach all the limitations of the claim it depends on. Ludwig also teaches receiving an input from the recipient or sender (user or caller clicks or calls a recipient, [0142]). On the other hand, Ludwig does not explicitly

teach changing the information transmitted to the recipient data network address based on the input from the recipient or sender.

However, in an analogous art, Ahuja teaches a system for multimedia telephone calls, where audio/video data can be shared or transmitted (col. 4 lines 9-37). Ahuja teaches that multiple separate networks are used (col. 4 line 38-col. 5 line 44). Ahuja teaches that a caller can dial a called party from a computer, a regular phone, a video phone, etc. The calling party dials the telephone number through the old telephone network and a server checks that if the called user is part of multimedia telecommunication network (col. 2 line 56-col. 3 line 18; col. 12 line 46-col. 13 line 11; col. 13 line 58-col. 14 line 28). Once established the type of connection required, the server serves as a bridge for changing the formats of the content for being usable on the different types of networks (col. 6 line 47-col. 7 line 43; col. 14 lines 18-28).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to have modified Ludwig and Katz' invention to incorporate a server that changes the data or bridges the data to be usable for the different users and networks as taught by Ahuja for the benefit of making the system adaptable and extensive to the different or more types of user devices.

Regarding claim 7, wherein the input is a signal transmitted across the voice communication network (**Ludwig: using the port designated for calls, a physical voice communication is established between caller and callee, [0142]-[0145]; [0150]. Ahuja: at least, col. 13 line 58-col. 14 line 47).**

Regarding claim 8, wherein the input is a signal transmitted across the data network **(Ahuja: col. 12 lines 46-67)**.

Regarding claim 9, wherein the signal is a DTMF signal **(Ahuja: the call goes through the old phone network. As it is well known in the art, DTMF signal are sent from a telephone set to the switch on the public telephone network in a standard phone call)**.

Regarding claim 10, Ludwig, Katz and Ahuja do not explicitly teach wherein the signal is a voice command.

Official Notice is taken (as previously performed on the Office Action on 07/01/2005, and taken as an admission due to no response to the matter since then) for the signal being a voice command. The use of a voice command is notoriously known in data communication art (i.e. the user could say "Call 555-5555" and the system will recognize the command using the speech recognition and place a call using the stated phone number.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Ludwig and Ahuja's invention to use voice commands so to provide to user a friendly device that presents to users options that are easily to understand as similar to the options provided by conventional voice mail.

Regarding claim 15, wherein the means for downloading is initiated by means for sending a signal to said server, said server attached to the data network and capable of transmitting the file to the recipient data network address (**Ludwig: sender has to contact the AVNM server, which is on server 60, for this to control all the servers used for transmission of content, [0071]; [0230]. Ahuja: col. 7 line 44-col. 8 line 2).** Regarding claim 20, wherein the A/V file is adapted for rendering on a television screen **Ludwig: [0134]).**

Conclusion

5. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to OMAR PARRA whose telephone number is (571)270-1449. The examiner can normally be reached on 9-6 PM (M-F, every other Friday off).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John W. Miller can be reached on 571-272-7353. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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